

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A computerized Centralized Securities Depository (CSD)-system comprising:

a CSD memory including a register structure of a plurality of financial instruments and/or financial templates for financial instruments, each of which is defined by attributes,

a CSD computer coupled to the database that configures the financial instruments and/or financial instrument templates for financial instruments being configured together in a ~~hierarchy~~ hierarchical, multi-level structure based on the attributes such that a financial instrument and/or ~~template for financial instrument~~ on a first level in the hierarchy is defined by at least one of the attributes which are common for financial ~~instrument~~ instruments and/or templates for financial instruments on a ~~second level~~ higher in the hierarchy,

wherein the CSD computer is arranged to link each financial instrument on the first level and/or template for financial instrument is only linked to only one financial instrument and/or template for financial instrument on the higher hierarchical a-level above it.

2. Canceled.

3. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein an amendment to an attribute in a financial instrument or financial instrument template will cause the same amendment in the same attribute of those financial instruments or financial instrument templates which are linked to the amended financial instruments and which are on lower levels in the hierarchy than the amended financial instrument or financial instrument template.

4. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, in which the financial instruments on ~~at least said the~~ first level of the hierarchy are also financial instrument templates.

5. (currently amended) The system of claims 1, in which the financial instruments from ~~said second the first hierarchical level and lowerdownwards~~ in the hierarchy are financial instruments which can be traded within the CSD-system.

6. (currently amended) The system of claim 4, in which financial instrument templates in the hierarchy are only allowed one link to a hierarchical level above their own hierarchical level, but more than one link to hierarchical levels below their own hierarchical level.

7. Canceled.

8. (currently amended) A method comprising:

providing financial instruments and/or financial instrument templates for  
~~financial instruments~~ for safekeeping in a computer-implemented Centralized Securities  
Depository (CSD)-system that includes a CSD computer,

defining in the computer-implemented CSD each of the financial instruments  
and/or templates for financial instruments by attributes,

the CSD computer configuring the financial instruments and/or financial  
instrument templates for financial instruments together in a ~~hierarchie~~ hierarchical multi-  
level structure based on the attributes,

the CSD computer defining a financial instrument and/or ~~template for financial~~  
~~instrument~~ on a first level in the hierarchy by at least one of the attributes which are  
common for ~~financial instruments and/or templates for financial instruments on a second~~  
a financial instrument template on a higher hierarchical level, and

the CSD computer linking each financial instrument and/or ~~template for financial~~  
~~instrument~~ to only one financial instrument and/or ~~template for financial instrument~~ on a  
~~hierarchie~~ the higher hierarchical level above that financial instrument and/or ~~template~~  
~~for financial instrument.~~

9. Canceled.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein any amendment to an attribute in a financial instrument ~~and/or template for financial instrument~~ causes the same amendment in the same attribute of those financial instruments ~~and/or financial instrument template for financial instruments~~ which are linked to the amended financial instrument ~~and/or financial instrument template for financial instrument~~ and which are on lower levels in the hierarchy than the amended financial instrument ~~and/or template for financial instrument~~.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the financial instruments ~~and/or template for financial instruments~~ placed on at least said first level of the hierarchy are financial instrument templates for a financial instrument on a lower level of the hierarchy.

12. (currently amended) The method of claims 8, wherein the financial instruments used from said ~~first~~second level and ~~downwards~~lower in the hierarchy are financial instruments which can be traded within the CSD-system.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein financial instrument templates in the hierarchy only given one link to a level above their own level can have more than one link to levels below their own level.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein a financial instrument is added to the CSD-system using the steps of:

finding an existing financial instrument or financial instrument template in the CSD-system which has all of the attributes of the financial instrument which is to be added,

placing the financial instrument which is to be added on a level in the hierarchy which is below said existing financial instrument or financial instrument template, and

creating a link between the financial instrument to be added and the existing financial instrument or financial instrument template to thereby add the financial instrument to the CSD system.